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## ❖ MCKINLEYVILLE



**ACE WILL BE THIS PLACE** The ground was broken and the ribbon cut last week for the new McKinleyville Home & Garden Center, one of three retail outlets coming to the Central Avenue/Murray Road area. From left, Fifth District Supervisor Ryan Sundberg, Nick Lucchesi of Pacific Builders, store owner Kevin Jenkins, Haley Boynton, 5-month-old Taylin Boynton and Mark Murgia of Tri Counties Bank. JD | UNION

## New stores coming to Mck

**Jack Durham**  
**MAD RIVER UNION**

MCKINLEYVILLE – The northern end of McKinleyville's main business district is about to be transformed, starting with the construction of a new McKinleyville Home & Garden Center on Central Avenue across from Reasor Road.

A ground breaking for the new 26,000-square-foot Ace Hardware franchise was held Thursday, Dec. 4 and attended by local dignitaries, key contractors for the project and business owner Kevin Jenkins.

The event included a ribbon cutting and ceremonial groundbreaking, which

was followed by actual excavator work.

An old house and outbuildings have already been removed from the property, clearing the way for construction by Pacific Builders.

The plan is for the new hardware completed by May, 2015. The stock will be moved from Jenkins' existing store at 2197 Central Ave.

The idea is to have a seamless transition, with McKinleyville Home & Garden Center open at its current location one day, and reopening at the new location the next day. A grand opening celebration is planned for mid-summer.

ACE ❖ A5

## Humboldt's new 'crap storm'

**Daniel Mintz**  
**MAD RIVER UNION**

HUMBOLDT – In considering the county's lobbying priorities, county supervisors have described Proposition 47 as a misunderstood law with troubling consequences.

The Board of Supervisors discussed state

and federal legislative lobbying at its Dec. 2 meeting and the strongest talk focused on Prop. 47. Approved by voters in the November election, the new law is in effect.

Prop. 47 reduces felony offenses, including personal use drug offenses and theft of

PROP 47 ❖ A5

## SEASON'S SCREAMINGS



**A SOGGY PLAZA** forced Santa inside Jacoby's Storehouse for Friday night's kickoff of Arcata Main Street's Season of Wonder & Light. Above, the queue to Santa under the Grand Tree. Left, Everett and Sadie Hutchings, ages 1 and 4. Attendees enjoyed snacks and cider as children used various tones of voice and volume levels to relate their Christmas aspirations to Mr. Kringle. Santa will be at Jacoby's from 2 to 4 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays until Christmas.

LEFT PHOTO BY KATE WALSTEAD HUTCHINGS;  
 PHOTO ABOVE BY KLH | UNION

## Randy Markin found dead



**MYSTERIOUS FINAL EVENING** Randy Markin. KLH | UNION

**Kevin L. Hoover**  
**MAD RIVER UNION**

WESTWOOD – The discovery of Randy Markin's body in Janes Creek Tues-

day, Dec. 2 solved a few mysteries, but prompted further questions about his sudden disappearance. Markin, 55, vanished

from his Alliance Road apartment on Oct. 24. Last Tuesday, the latest Arcata Police Department search of surrounding areas yielded discovery of his body in nearby Janes Creek.

An autopsy conducted Friday revealed no outward signs of trauma. Deputy Coroner Charlie Van Buskirk said there was no initial indication of the cause of death, only that the body's condition was "consistent with the time he was reported missing."

APD Lt. Todd Dokweiler said any further conclu-

MARKIN ❖ A5

**Kevin L. Hoover**  
**MAD RIVER UNION**

ARCATA – Arcata's new Portland Loo is installed, connected, up and flushing at Eighth and F streets.

The futuristic public facility, a long-delayed and sometimes controversial fixture, will now attempt to survive both the rigors of everyday use and the all-destroying vandals who roam Arcata's streets at night, visiting wrath on random objects.

The gleaming new loo next to Veterans Park stands at the ready for Plazagoers, Farmers' Market-ers and curiosity seekers alike.

All told, the Loo cost Arcata roughly \$115,000, and it represents a grand experiment. If successful, it will provide relief not just to downtowners, but will take pressure off business-

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# Peninsula pipeline nearing completion

**Bryn Robertson**  
MAD RIVER UNION

**SAMOA PENINSULA** – The Humboldt Bay Municipal Water District will soon complete a water pipeline project on the Samoa Peninsula.

The pipeline on the sandy spit replaces old lines installed in the 1970s. The dated lines, made of Tech Lite, a fiberglass reinforced material, “turned out to be not a very good product,” said HBMWD Business Manager John Friedenbach. The project, which is scheduled to be completed in February, was 75 percent federally funded by a Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) hazard mitigation grant.

Three new fire hydrants were also added, paid for independently of the grant, which did not cover the cost of the additional security measure.

The replaced line will extend from Samoa to Fairhaven. The replacement project cost about \$3 million.

**Jetty facelift**

The North Jetty, a Bureau of Land Management recreation area located at the southern tip of the Samoa Peninsula, received a facelift with the help of a \$1 million repaving job.

Funded through the Federal Lands Access Program (FLAP), the jetty paving project was deemed a valuable investment of federal funds due to the tens of thousands of visitors who use the area to ride all terrain vehicles, walk and bike along the bay.

The program typically funds projects in areas with high visitation, said Assistant Field Manager Ben Blom. “The jetty is the Bureau’s most popular recreation site.”



**SMOOTH OPERATOR** The roads at the North Jetty were recently paved by the Bureau of Land Management. The jetty is a popular recreation area offering four-wheeling opportunities and beach access for surfers.

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**A SIP OF HISTORY** **HOLIDAY TEA** The Historical Sites Society of Arcata held its annual Holiday Tea at Phillips House Museum at Seventh and Union streets last Sunday. Above, HSSA members Jaffa Wahlberg, Alex Stillman, Helga Phillips, Karole Ely, Dorothy Phillips, Carolyn Otis and Claudia Israel. Top left, Betty Bolinger, Julie Neander, Alex Stillman and Peggy Smith enjoy tea in the kitchen, while, middle left, Dylan Dickerson, 7, and grandfather Anthony Munnemann visit in the dining room. Bottom left, Carolyn Otis serves a bracing cup of tea to Jane Cinnamond. [arcatahistory.org](http://arcatahistory.org)

# Use of Measure Z money sparks debate

**Daniel Mintz**  
MAD RIVER UNION

**McKINLEYVILLE** – The committee that will recommend how to use sales tax revenue from the Measure Z ballot measure will be juggling a range of spending options, and competition is already emerging.

The question of which services to fund – and where – was explored when the Board of Supervisors approved the make-up of a Measure Z advisory committee at its Dec. 2 meeting.

During a public comment session, county Undersheriff Billy Honsal said Measure Z’s thrust was placing “deputies out in the rural parts of the county,” adding that the focus should be on “McKinleyville especially.”

The McKinleyville Municipal Advisory Committee (McKMAC) “brought this together because they needed more cops in McKinleyville,” Honsal continued, referring to the McKMAC’s recommendation to propose a public safety sales tax measure. “You saw the need – we need more deputies out there so that’s what this is all about.”

Supervisor Estelle Fennell offered “a minor note here because it’s sensitive to me” and told Honsal that, “you heard loud and clear from the Southern Humboldt area also about their concerns regarding public safety and their hope and trust that those concerns will be addressed by Measure Z’s funds.”

The discussion then turned to Honsal’s recommendation that the county

administrative officer give presentations on spending options to the Measure Z advisory committee. County Administrative Officer Phillip Smith-Hanes discouraged that, saying it does not reflect the intent of voters on how the committee should work.

Supervisors supported having the advisory committee consist of nine members – five appointed by each supervisor, two appointed through board votes and two appointed by the county Sheriff’s Office and fire chiefs’ association respectively.

The Sheriff’s Office and fire association appointees will be directly involved in policing and firefighting. Having committee members with affiliations to agencies who will lobby for Measure Z funding concerned Supervisor Mark Lovelace but he ultimately joined a unanimous vote in favor of it.

Similarly, Fennell proposed that the committee not include county or firefighting agency employees when the board discussed the committee last month. But at last week’s meeting, she supported the inclusion of Sheriff’s Office and firefighting officials.

Ken Woods, the president of the fire chiefs’ association, said his group has already chosen its representative – Brian Anderson, the chief of the Redway Fire Protection District. Woods said rural fire departments need funding to achieve basic service levels.

“We’re looking at funding just to bring those volunteer departments up to a very minimum level,” he contin-

ued, emphasizing that Measure Z was presented as a means of funding public safety services.

But the discussion also acknowledged the importance of work that is associated with public safety and done by the offices of the district attorney, probation chief and public defender.

And Phil Crandall, the director of the county’s Department of Health and Human Services, reminded that abating homelessness ranked high in the county’s Measure Z public survey. “The same amount of public interest was for homeless abatement as it was for out-stationing deputies,” he said.

Supervisor Virginia Bass said that in Eureka, “Homeless issues have hit more than a boiling point.”

The sales tax increase will be in effect in cities as well as county areas. Bass said that a lack of responsiveness will be perceived if homeless reduction services are not included in Measure Z spending.

The Measure Z committee members will serve staggered four-year terms. Measure Z has a five-year span and is expected to bring in an additional \$6 million of budget revenue to the county each year.

The half-cent sales tax increase will be in effect starting April 1, 2015, but the county will not receive the additional revenue until June, 2015.

Smith-Hanes said the measure’s advisory committee needs to be fully appointed and ready for work by the end of this coming February.

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# Big basketball tournament at Arcata High

ArMack Orchestra & choir concert Wednesday at HSU

As stiff red bows and pungent pine needles begin to appear around town, people are reminded that Christmas is quickly approaching. Along with the holidays, many reluctantly welcome the inevitable over-indulgences in pie and the constant need to entertain guests.

While the chilled Humboldt air may hinder outside adventures, Arcata High School welcomes everyone to enjoy upcoming events on campus.

This December brings a busy schedule for the members of AHS. Two of the major events to look forward to include the Arcata Invitational Basketball Tournament (AIBT) and the Winter Performance hosted by the ArMack orchestra and madrigal choirs.

## Basketball tourney

AIBT has easily become one of the longest running, most popular pre-season tournaments in Northern California. Originally founded 1968 by accomplished coach and teacher Jerry Paul, the tournament has continued for 48 years.

Seven teams travel from throughout California to compete against each other and Arcata High. It is certainly one of the most anticipated events on campus for students.

Junior Canyon Robins said, "No other event hypes the student body like AIBT, and I think that's why we look forward to it all year. Athletes will always play their hearts out, but at this event the fans step up and get involved in a big way, through hosting players and cheering on the team, and I think that's really something special."

Help make the 49th annual AIBT a memorable one for the student athletes and community by demonstrating your support!

Come cheer on the Arcata boys varsity team as they tip off the tournament Friday, Dec. 12 in the Arcata High gym.

## ArMack music

For those who have had the pleasure of witnessing a performance conducted by the ArMack Orchestra, a group composed of Arcata and McKinleyville High students and their wonderful conductor Carol Jacobson, it's not hard to convince you to attend their Winter Performance.

Before the orchestra performs the popular songs "Russians Sailor's Dance," "Symphonic Suite" from the *Lord of the Rings*, "Let it Go" from *Frozen* and *Fanfare to the Common Man*, take time to enjoy the talented madrigal choirs. They will be singing a variety of Christmas songs, including some solos that will allow students to exhibit their own, unique style.

Due to construction on the AHS multipurpose room, the performance will be hosted at Humboldt State University at the John Van Duzen Theater on Wednesday, Dec. 17. Doors open at 6:45 p.m. Music begins at 7 p.m. Delectable homemade concessions will be available. Tickets are \$5 at the door.

The students and staff at AHS love extending into the community, so feel free to visit the Arcata High School homepage to learn more about other upcoming events throughout the year.

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## CIVIC PRIDE

# City gets national recognition

## CITY OF ARCATA

ARCATA – The National League of Cities (NLC) recently recognized the City of Arcata Recreation Division and Mayor Mark Wheatley for meeting key health and wellness goals for Let's Move! Cities, Towns and Counties (LMCTC).

LMCTC is part of First Lady Michelle Obama's comprehensive and common sense Let's Move! initiative addressing childhood obesity.

LMCTC works closely with local elected officials nationwide to adopt policies that put children on the path to a healthy future during their earliest years.

The initiative gives parents helpful information and fosters environments that support healthy choices; provides healthier foods in our schools; ensures that every family has access to healthy, affordable food and helps children become more physically active.

"We congratulate the City of Arcata for your dedication to building a healthier community for children and families," said Ralph Becker, mayor of Salt Lake City, Utah, and National League of Cities president. "Through the tireless leadership and action of local elected officials in cities, towns and counties across the country, we hope to see continued progress in re-

versing America's epidemic of childhood obesity."

Arcata was awarded 11 medals for its community partnerships to promote and provide healthy food options to youth and families including free summer lunches and afterschool snacks to community youth and nutritional resources and support services to families with newborn to 5-year-old children.

Convenient access to Arcata's impressive array of parks was also recognized. Arcata residents can go to [mapofplay.kaboom.org](http://mapofplay.kaboom.org), enter Arcata's ZIP code, and watch a map populate with the city's many playgrounds and parks.

Users can click on icons to see photos and full descriptions of playground and park amenities.

"We are honored to be recognized by the First Lady's Initiative," said Arcata Mayor Mark Wheatley. "The Arcata community is committed to investing in the well-being of our kids and seniors and I am so proud of the dedication of city staff in both our Recreation and Parks Divisions who work hard so we can offer so many classes, playgrounds and other opportunities to exercise, play and stay healthy. We will continue to create community through people, parks and programs."



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❖ MCKINLEYVILLE

## Crime, rent control before McKMAC

**Jack Durham**  
**MAD RIVER UNION**

MCKINLEYVILLE – The town’s advisory committee will discuss law enforcement, citizen patrols, Central Avenue and a proposal to have rent control in mobile home parks at its meeting next week.

The McKinleyville Municipal Advisory Committee (McKMAC) meets on Wednesday, Dec. 17 at the Azalea Conference Center, located at the rear of McKinleyville Middle School at 2275 Central Ave. The meeting begins at 5 p.m. and is open to the public.

The McKMAC is scheduled to hear a presentation from Sheriff Mike Downey on plans to expand staffing in the wake of Measure Z, the half-cent sales tax that was approved by voters in November. The idea for the sales tax came from the McKMAC, which urged the county to pursue a tax to fund public safety services.

In a related matter, the McKMAC will hear a presentation from resident Dave Varshock, one of the founders of McKinleyville Citizens on Patrol. The newly formed group has unarmed volunteers patrolling neighborhoods in an effort to reduce crime.

**Central Avenue**

Tom Mattson, the Director of Humboldt County Public Works, is scheduled to give the McKMAC an update on the Central Avenue project. The county has received grant funds to make improvements between Anna Sparks Way and Hiller Road. The McKMAC may also discuss other road improvement projects.

**Rent control**

The possible sale of the Ocean West Senior Village in McKinleyville by the Swannund Family to a company called Inspire Communities has at least one resident calling for rent control in senior mobile home parks.

Hilary Mosher, who lives in one of the 127 homes at the park on Murray Road, is concerned that the corporation will raise rents in the park. In response, she is calling for rent control.

The McKMAC will discuss the idea and has the option of supporting the idea, not supporting it or staying neutral.

The McKMAC will end the meeting with a discussion about its meeting time and location and may hear reports from committee members.

## MHS grad completes boot camp

Air Force Airman Joseph M. O’Connell graduated from basic military training at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, San Antonio, Texas. The airman completed an intensive, eight-week program that included training in military discipline and studies, Air Force core values, physical fitness, and warfare principles and skills.

Airmen who complete basic training earn four credits toward an associate in applied science degree through the Community College of the Air Force. O’Connell is the son of Deanna and Shawn O’Connell, and grandson of Gary Gower and Marvin E. O’Connell. All four relatives reside in Willow Creek. The airman is a 2014 graduate of McKinleyville High School.

**Craft fair at MMS**

Come to McKinleyville Middle School (MMS) on Thursday, Dec. 11 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. to shop for crafts handmade by MMS Wood Shop and Art students. Items for sale include mugs, plates, sushi sets, rolling pins, wooden pens and more.

Starting at 7 p.m., the MMS Band will perform its winter concert. The band will

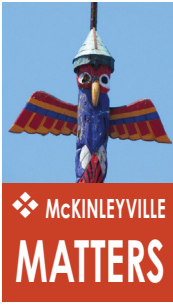
host a delicious dinner and dessert buffet. Tickets for the dinner are available for pre-sale in the MMS office. Take care of your holiday shopping and support the arts! The event will be held in the MMS Auditorium, 2285 Central Ave. in McKinleyville.

**All Seasons Orchestra**

The All Seasons Orchestra, a community orchestra is holding its holiday concert this weekend, on Saturday Dec, 13 at 7 p.m. at the McKinleyville LDS Church, located at 1660 Heartwood Dr. in McKinleyville. This free concert is sponsored by the Arcata Recreation Division and the Rodden Family.

**Armack concert**

Join the ArMack Orchestra, Arcata High School Madrigal Choir and Concert Choir under the direction of Maestra Carol Jacobson for an evening of orchestral and madrigal music for the season, traditional carols and so much more on Wednesday, Dec. 17. The concert will be held at the Van Duzer Theater at HSU. Doors open at 6:40 p.m. Music begins at 7 p.m. Delectable homemade concessions will be available. Tickets are \$5.



## Prop. 47 | 35% drop in jail population

❖ **FROM A1**

property under \$950 in value, to misdemeanors. Board Chair Rex Bohn said the law has resulted in releases from the county jail and will intensify crime.

“Our jail population has dropped by 35 percent in the last three weeks,” he said, as inmates have “been petitioning the courts to have their charges reduced.”

The county’s releases number 120 people, Bohn continued, adding that if not for the passage of Measure Z and Measure Q, the county and City of Eureka sales tax measures, “We would be look-

ing at a tsunami of desperation by our public.”

Bohn highlighted the increased workload for police and Sheriff’s deputies. “I don’t think we can underestimate what our law enforcement and boots-on-the-ground guys are putting up with right now,” he said. “It is a – basically – crap storm out there right now these guys are facing.”

Supervisor Virginia Bass agreed with Bohn’s assessment, saying that when voters approved the law, “No one really bargained for what they’re going to be experiencing.”

She asked County Administrative Officer Phillip Smith-Hanes if there are ways the state can help.

He explained that legislation approved by voters can’t be amended by the legislature but the county can lobby for funding for drug treatment and other social programs.

“Most communities – urban or rural but it’s particularly acute in the rural areas – don’t have adequate treatment options for the volume of people, as Supervisor Bohn noted, who are being released,” said Smith-Hanes.

Bohn said that the ballot state-

ment for Prop. 47 was misleading. Supervisor Estelle Fennell also said voters may not have understood the measure.

“I don’t know how many people would have voted for it if they had known that it now meant somebody could steal \$950 from their car or their home and be charged with a misdemeanor instead of a felony,” she said. “I think people did not understand, in some instances, what they were unleashing.”

Fennell described Prop. 47 as an unfunded mandate that has been created by voters instead of the state legislature. Supervisors agreed that lobbying for drug treatment and other funding related to Prop. 47’s effects should

be added to the county’s legislative platform.

Other items on the platform include requesting that the county’s ordinances on medical marijuana be considered when the state drafts its own laws, reinstatement of state funding for the Williamson Act farmland preservation program and lobbying for legislation that enables removal of Klamath River dams.

Also at the meeting, supervisors gave final approval to the consolidation of the Coroner’s Office into the Sheriff’s Office and Supervisor Estelle Fennell was appointed as the upcoming year’s board chair. Supervisor Mark Lovelace was appointed as vice-chair.

## Ace | Sporting goods, kitchenware stores

❖ **FROM A1**

At the ground breaking ceremony, Jenkins said that this will be the first hardware store he has worked in that is actually located in a building designed for a hardware store. Jenkins previously worked at the old Hensel’s Hardware in Arcata back before the fire of 1990. He opened his current location inside the old Safeway building and expanded it into two adjacent buildings that are connected.

The new store will be larger than the old one. The existing lumber yard structure will be moved to the new location.

The store’s need to move was prompted by the purchase of the property at its exist-

ing location by Eureka Natural Foods last May. With his lease set to expire in May 2015, Jenkins had to work quickly to find a suitable replacement property, get financing and permits for the new building.

Although the county Planning and Building Department often gets blasted for its red tape, Jenkins was appreciative of how the process worked for his new store.

“I will have to say it’s actually gone rather smooth,” Jenkins said at the ceremony.

“They really did hustle this through,” said Fifth District Supervisor Ryan Sundberg about the permitting process.

After Jenkins makes his move to the new



**NEW HOME & GARDEN CENTER** An architectural rendering of the front of the new store. GRAPHIC COURTESY MCKINLEYVILLE HOME & GARDEN CENTER

store, Eureka Natural Foods will remodel the old building and open a new natural foods store at that location by the end of 2015.

Jenkins has other plans for the northern business district. After he is done with the current project, he plans to construct a new building at the southwest corner of Central

Avenue and Murray Road for his sporting goods business, Black Dog Outfitters. He also plans to open The Kitchen Store at an existing retail building nearby. Both these businesses are now housed inside Jenkins’ current location.

All in all, Jenkins will bring three new retail stores to the north Central area.

## Markin | No explanation for leaving his home during the night

❖ **FROM A1**

sions will have to wait until the return of toxicology tests.

Markin’s body was found partially submerged in Janes Creek at the end of Heather Lane. The area is accessible by a muddy trail that connects Alliance Road with the bedraggled field where the Eel River Sawmill was once located.

Following his disappearance, APD officers scoured the area, searching the fields, even fording the creek in waders to the extent that they could. Janes Creek flows through a privately owned and not well maintained concrete culvert, whose 60-inch pipe is choked with woody debris.

“Officers had probed it,” Dokweiler said. “They went back numerous times.”

Dokweiler said changing water levels sometimes dislodge items in waterways, so Tuesday, with storms predicted and Janes Creek at the lowest level it would likely be for a while, APD officers were back at it again.

There, about 30 feet west of the concrete culvert, an APD park ranger sighted the body. Though the banks are deeply covered in blackberry brambles, the body was visible in plain sight from the trail.

A California Dept. of Corrections inmate work crew had been working on clearing a stretch of the creek a few hundred feet to the west of the location a few weeks ago, Dokweiler said, but apparently noticed nothing.

That and the lack of reports from any other passers-through on the well-used trail suggests



**TRAIL TO THE BOTTOMS** This trail parallels the stretch of Janes Creek where Markin’s body was found and connects Alliance Road with the “glass field.”

that the body was transported there in some fashion.

“It had probably been in some other location,” Dokweiler said. “Passersby would have noticed.”

Markin’s without-a-trace disappearance had puzzled police. His mobility was compromised, and though he could walk short distances, he used an electric wheelchair that he did not take with him. Nor did he take his wallet or diabetes medication. Now that his remains have been located, police are focusing on those mysterious details.

Along with the physical search, APD reviewed video footage of the area and checked out vehicles that were in the area at the time

of Markin’s disappearance. They also brought in 16 individuals for questioning. “They were people who had a connection with him,” Dokweiler said. “Friends and associates.”

The interviews allowed police to reconstruct Markin’s final evening in his apartment. He was last seen there around 1 a.m. on Friday, Oct. 24. “We were able to accurately chronicle his day and narrow it down to a fairly short period of time,” Dokweiler said.

A reported sighting of Markin at the Arcata Transit Center later in the day led to review of security video, which ruled him out. “There was an individual who looked very much like Randy Markin,” Dokweiler said. “You could understand why they thought it was him. But on looking closer, it was not him.”

Various scenarios could explain Markin’s vanishing. Maybe he was impaired in some way, and dazedly wandered the 1,000 feet or so between his Arcata Garden Apartments home and the creek, and fell in. He was known to frequent the Union 76 mini-mart along the way, where he purchased lottery tickets and groceries. Or he could have intentionally ended his life.

Another highly speculative rumor making the rounds involves Markin overdosing on drugs while socializing with friends in his apartment, and being transported off site, possibly to the creek.

Unconscious drug overdose victims have been anonymously dropped off at the Mad River Community Hospital ER, and



**JANES CREEK AT HEATHER LANE** The secluded spot in Janes Creek where Randy Markin’s body was discovered. PHOTOS BY KLH | UNION

even placed out on the lawn outside cannabis grow houses for first responders to pick up.

“We’ve heard that theory,” Dokweiler said. “But there’s no way to know that.”

He said APD has no certainty as to who, if anyone, was with Markin on his final evening. It’s unclear why anyone present at the time of his death would move his body, and not just leave.

“We’re hoping that the autopsy will give us more information,” Dokweiler said.

Van Buskirk said that while toxicology results would take weeks, certain types of autopsy findings which could indicate a cause of death might be readily apparent and releasable to the public.

These might include a violent

injury or even a stroke, which involves pooling of blood.

“If we see something obvious, there are things that can be told immediately,” Van Buskirk said.

Dokweiler said he may be able to release more investigative information following disclosure of autopsy results.

Markin was an avid collector of lava lamps, hundreds of which lined his apartment. Those and other possessions have been removed.

Bonnie Hughes, executive director of Humboldt Bay Housing Development Corp that administers and manages the Arcata Garden Apartments, said family members had contacted her agency and assisted with disposition of Markin’s personal effects.

“It’s very sad,” Hughes said.





**WONDERFUL** The Season of Wonder & Light brought warm holiday cheer to Jacoby's Storehouse Friday night, and no wonder – it had been weeks in the making. Top left, Carla Reitz took care of most of the seasonal décor inside the lobby of the Plaza's capitol building, while below left, Olivia Hand, Jay Brown and Bill Chino made the Grand Tree as spectacular as it has ever been. Upper right, some of Arcata Main Street's helpers. Below right, Santa Claus entertains the Christmas wishes of tiny tots with their eyes all aglow. He'll continue to do so Saturdays and Sundays from 2 to 4 p.m. through Dec. 21. TOP LEFT PHOTO BY KLH | UNION; BOTTOM LEFT PHOTO BY TOM PERRETT; MIDDLE & RIGHT PHOTOS BY MATT FILAR | UNION

**AIGC HOLIDAY CONCERTS** The community is invited to celebrate the spirit of the holidays with the Arcata Interfaith Gospel Choir at two upcoming holiday concerts. The first performance will be Friday, Dec. 12 at 7 p.m. at Calvary Lutheran Church, 716 South Ave., Eureka. The second performance will be Saturday, Dec. 13 at 7 p.m. at Arcata Presbyterian Church, 11th and G streets in Arcata. Both concerts will feature special guests, the McKinleyville Community Choir, directed by Robert Keiber, and the AIGC Youth Choir, directed by Lorien Sanchez. The 65-member Arcata Interfaith Gospel Choir will perform "gospelized" versions of classic Christmas songs such as "Away in a Manger" and "Hark the Herald Angels," as well as lesser-known, musically exciting holiday songs. Now in its 23rd season, the choir is directed by Jim Hubbard and accompanied by a full band. AIGC is known for spirited and joyful concerts that bring audience members to their feet, singing, clapping and swaying to the music. Suggested donation is \$15 general, \$12 for students and seniors. Kids under five attend free. Tickets are available at The Works, Wildberries and People's Records and at the door. (707) 822-4444, [arcatainterfaithgospelchoir.com](http://arcatainterfaithgospelchoir.com) SUBMITTED PHOTO



**HOLIDAY GIFT AUCTION** The City of Arcata Recreation Division brings a new fun workshop for kids to celebrate the holiday season. On Saturday, Dec. 13, enjoy Holiday Castles and Graham Cracker Houses. Children create their own elaborate holiday house to bring home while enjoying additional holiday crafts and stories. The workshop for 4- to 6-year-olds is from 10:30 a.m. to noon. A workshop for 7- to 10-year-olds is from 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Pre-register with Arcata Recreation for \$15/\$20 for non-Arcata residents. While your kids enjoy this fun hands-on workshop, you can find one-of-a-kind holiday gifts at the Holiday Craft Market, also taking place at the Arcata Community Center, 321 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Pkwy., from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. (707) 822-7091, [cityofarcata.org/rec](http://cityofarcata.org/rec)

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# OPINION

## Quoth the Temptations packet

*There's colors on the streets  
Red, white and blue  
People shufflin' their feet  
People sleepin' in their shoes  
But there's a warning sign on the road ahead  
There's a lot of people sayin' we'd be better off dead  
Don't feel like Satin, but I am to them  
So I try to forget it, any way I can.  
Keep on rockin' in the free world. – Neil Young*

On the newsstands now is a special collectors edition of Neil Young and his 100 greatest songs, also the ultimate guide to his music and legend. He is so aware of what's goin' on.

Turkey Day was an Arcata Ghost town in the early hours and the only retailer open was the Mexican Deli on Eighth Street next to the Co-op's kitchen. It's now named Fergoso's Market and they were busy at times. Only a couple small groups on the Plaza and when the cop came on board to do his duty, everyone disappeared and he walked around for 20 minutes looking for something to do. Slushy parts of the Plaza have been cordoned off – complaints? Noticed pansies sprouting up, but the mint is gone.



Christmas trees at CVS and the odor is awesome when you walk by trying not to think about them dying. The trash bins in the rear have been full of unopened bread, cereal and more, come on give it to the crows, they're hungry too. When you work for a business, you must follow their rules. I've mentioned the Arcata Fire Protection District is temporarily now on Sixth Street. Just recently, I read in the news that a Florida man ran to a nearby firehouse and tried to report his house was on fire. They closed the door on him and said to call 911. Which he did and with time lost, so was his home. Follow the rules.

Be sure to check out the twin maple trees on the corner of Eighth and I streets as they are in glorious colors now as the leaves are falling down all around and the aura is cool. Phil's huge maples are almost bare now and I sure do miss being able to visit with him, now that he has moved away. Hope all is well with his new digs.

The Eco Groovy building on Samoa is still being used as storage and maybe more as trucks and cars are often parked there. Also along the tracks going to the Magic Marsh, all flora on the west side has been reduced to the dirt with no more resting places. The marsh is so green with water, water, everywhere. I watched a huge flock of geese, 500-plus in a very erratic flying form, fly to the ocean as the gun shots increased with the sunlight and cloud formations as the day progressed.

I just read another story about a guy who had been in prison for 39 years for something he did not do and was finally released as proof came forward. A strange new life, being good or bad and how do you not think about revenge and give thanks instead, something to mull and go on living.

Saturday's Farmers' Market was busy. There was a girl that invented a single string harp from scraps and was giving us music. The day after Black Friday was fun day on the Arcata Plaza and Down Town Brown is back giving us more music on demand. On over to the last Art Market of the year and oh my, it was so crowded with lots of music and beautiful exhibits with goodies of all kinds to get for later. They were open until four o'clock so there was enough time to look at and listen to everything.

Normal Monday with kids back in school, pre-schools up to capacity and everyone open for business. I'm sure leftovers are pretty well gone as the Safeway and Co-op were crowded. Lots more fun stuff to come in every local town surrounding us and check out the Music Department at HSU, as it is affordable and very cool.

As I left the cat colony and ponies after their treats and came up to the horses on the corner of Moxen Lane. As they ran to the fence for their treats, I noticed a black bovine munching and snooping through the front yard across the way. As I turned around to leave I was bumped on the shoulder with a black head and dancing feet with snorts asking me for a treat or would I rather get stomped on? The equines were laughing as I gave an apple and some yummy bread to this energetic, dancing cow. With another threat for "more please" I pointed a finger at it and, with a snort, it ran away very fast.

Coach and kids were back at Windsong Village Park as I took my brief respite. It was fun to watch as the kids not at play were made to walk the circular cement path continuously until coach called them afield.

*Bev says when you get Temptation brand treats for your cats be sure and read the back side – "Captains Catch: All cats on deck! Prepare to have your taste buds boarded."*

## Airport issues & oddities

I'm writing in response to the article in the Nov. 26, 2014 issue of the *Mad River Union* titled "Airport to get new look." The subtitle of this article implies that an effort is underway to lure back passengers to ACV, but I think the real issues are ticket prices and flight reliability.

For many years, United Airlines has held our region hostage with expensive tickets, delayed flights, and discounted tickets to drive out new carriers. They know the cost of fuel, meals, parking and lodging for someone to drive to another airport. They use this cost to price their tickets and bet that the daunting four to six hours of drive time (each way) will be enough to convince travelers to fly with them.

While murals, exhibits, art displays might make the airport a nice place for the local community to spend a rainy afternoon, they are not likely to "lure" more passengers. Likewise, hosting trade fairs and expos won't generate much ridership or revenue unless they can attract a steady stream of organizations from the rest of California to fly here throughout the year.

As to flight reliability, I have some concerns given the paragraph that states, "In September, the Bureau of Transportation Statistics reported that over 90 percent of all flights out of the McKinleyville airport made it to their final destination." If you speed-read past the word "final," you get a pretty scary message. What happened to the other 10 percent? The Bermuda Triangle comes to mind. What if your flight's "final" destination was Sacramento or San Francisco? This message might not fly well for increasing ridership.

As for marketing and name recogni-

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tion the new name of our airport, the California Redwood Coast Humboldt County Airport (CRCHCA), defies gravity. It's not a name, it's a descriptor. Even this article refers to it as the Airport, ACV, and the McKinleyville airport. What's wrong with Redwood Coast Airport (RCA) or Redwood Regional Airport (RRA)? After all, we need to include Del Norte in our ridership area. At least it would have three letters like most airports.

All this said I do want to applaud all the people who have worked long and hard to attract new carriers to our airport. I know it's not easy and I wish you success in all your various endeavors.

**John Palmquist  
McKinleyville**

## Require cop bodycams

On Nov. 18, 2014, the Board of Directors of the Redwood Chapter of the ACLU of Northern California unanimously adopted a resolution calling for all peace officers in Humboldt County to wear body cameras while on official duty. In a study conducted by the Rialto Police Department and reported in the *New York Times* on April 6, 2013, titled "Wearing a Badge, and a Video Camera," it was found that body camera use by police reduced use-of-force incidents by 60 percent, and reduced citizen complaints against the police by 88 percent.

In the past 10 years, police in Humboldt County have killed Cheri Lyn Moore, Christopher Burgess, Martin Cotton, Gabriel Cuevas-Maldonado, Jonni Honda, Zachary Cook, David Se-

# A dark cloud looms over Sunny Brae trails City flying blind as Red Bull-engorged trail tyrants take over

The Sunny Brae forest trail issues are far from resolved. While Kevin [Hoover] did a good job of reporting he uncharacteristically gave Forest Management Committee (FMC) members and city staff a pass by letting them avoid addressing certain key issues.

First of all, there was basically no public process prior to the design and development of the high-speed trail in question. The July 17 meeting that was claimed to be the approval process took place long after the trail was already developed, in place and in use. To say it was approved after it was built is like saying we don't need permission because we grant our own forgiveness.

One lightly publicized meeting that was steamrolled by a single interest group hardly justifies the claim that all interests have been considered.

The only user group that was consulted by city staff prior to the development of the controversial trail was a small cadre of mountain bikers. They held secret meetings with city staff to push for turning this trail into a downhill bomber bike run.

I must add that this trail in a pre-developed stage, while steep, had been in use for decades by horsemen and hikers. The exclusion of these users for a few high-skilled bike riders hardly seems "even handed" as one FMC committee member claims. It is an insult to the rest of us to even suggest such considerations were made.

There are numerous horseman associations in the county. The city failed to contact even one. I represent one of them as vice president and trail chairman. Our Northern California Horseman's Association recently conducted two fundraising events for the Community Forest and raised over \$12,000. At no time were we consulted on an issue that would remove a historic horse trail and in general set a precedent that is designed to ultimately lessen available trails. Certainly we were not told this effort was in progress prior to our fundraising events.

We submitted a letter to the City Council a month ago encouraging the city to maintain its shared trail policies rather than pursue segregating users. This trail represents the very first Community Forest trail that bikers don't share with the rest of the community.

I will add that both Mr. Halligan and

Mr. Furniss of the FMC both know me personally. Dennis used to bring his daughter to our home for horseback riding lessons and Michael used to live right next door. While the Forest Management Committee was wondering how extensive the objections are, a simple phone call would have made that more obvious.

Arcata's Open Space and Agriculture Committee also has four horse owners sitting on that committee. We were not approached through that venue either. It remains unclear who in the community was involved in this decision aside from a few bikers.



**SEPARATING USERS** An Arcata Ridge Trail marker in the Sunny Brae Tract directs hikers and bikers to separate trails. KLH | UNION

It was shocking to read that the original Forest Management guidelines were no longer relevant since the expansion of the Community Forest. I was surprised that Kevin Hoover did not ask the obvious questions; what management guidelines have been in use since that expansion? Have we been flying blind since then? What other elements of the original guidelines are being ignored?

More importantly why are we just now straying from our standard of

quoia, Robert Garth, Eloy Infante-Toscano, Peter Stewart and Tommy McClain. Clearly, change is needed. The death of Cheri Moore did prompt some reforms in how police handle mentally ill people locally, and those reforms are to be applauded. We believe that introduction of mandatory body cameras will benefit both citizens and police.

Respectfully,  
**Peter Martin** and the  
Redwood ACLU Board of Directors  
**Eureka**

## Immigration executive action

This is a sad day in America for what Obama has done. It is a slap in the face to the millions over the years who came to this country legally, learned the language, became citizens, assimilated into our culture and swore allegiance to our country.

My parents were two of them. And to the millions who are still waiting in line to come to this country to make it their home. And also to the millions of our citizens who are unemployed and struggling to survive. The mere fact that you are here does not give any more rights than anyone else.

Just what is accomplished by this? If this is not overturned, then we are no longer a country of laws, the country of our founders that has stood proud for over 200 years.

How can anyone, in their right mind, not just Obama, think this is a good thing?

It is an abomination and must not stand for the sake of our great Republic.

**Alfred Parodi  
McKinleyville**

shared use trails? How did that get decided? And when? Where is the transparency? At least one FMC member acknowledged their failings in the transparency department. The question of course remains; What are they going to do about it?

For the most part mountain cyclists are very cordial. I personally have had only a few close calls with speeding bikes in the Community Forest but I do know other folks who have been run into or their dogs run over.

I will continue to question why we are encouraging that type of activity in a small and precious network of community trails when doing so will only increase these types of problems.

Separating uses is but a small minded way to "solve" a problem. Such an approach simply does not take into account that it pencils out to fewer trails for us all.

Frankly I am surprised the mountain bike community is willing to risk so much of their hard earned capital. What they are saying by pushing for these separate use and high speed specialized courses is that they cannot exist on shared use trails.

They are also saying that they don't want to share trails and the rest of the community should just go somewhere else because they have some Red Bull to work off.

They are transforming from selfless trail advocates into selfish trail tyrants right before our eyes. I certainly hope they come to their senses and put their old hats back on.

The other option could be to simply sell the whole Sunny Brae tract to the bikers since they are trying to take it over anyway. That way the rest of the community could recoup their investment.

My suggestion first offered to the FMC a couple of months ago was to have city staff meet with a variety of user groups individually at first in order to gather specific needs and wants. Later involve all groups through their representatives at a more public venue. Then the city will be able to say they have not merely capitulated to a single interest group but indeed involved the whole community. They cannot honestly say that right now.

Communication with the public is an integral tool to achieve success with planning and management efforts.

*Uri Driscoll is a lifelong horseman and member of Arcata's Open Space and Agriculture Committee.*



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**TURKISH ROMAN DANCERS** Humboldt State University students Eva Brena, Chelsea Hernandez, Nathalie Mostrel and Hannah Moss.

PHOTO BY SHOSHANNA | REDWOOD RAKS WORLD DANCE STUDIO

## ARABIAN NIGHT OF THE NUTCRACKER

Shoshanna's holiday dance performance is back

### REDWOOD RAKS WORLD DANCE STUDIO

**CREAMERY DISTRICT** — After a break last year, *Nutcracker: Arabian Nights* is back at Redwood Raks World Dance Studio. This spin on the classic *Nutcracker* will be performed for the third year for two nights only: Saturday, Dec. 13 at 6 p.m. and Sunday, Dec. 14 at 2 p.m.

This year's performance features a diverse cast of dancers from ages four to 84. Audiences can enjoy many facets of the world of belly dancing performed by local and out-of-town guests. Humboldt Rockers Breakdancers will perform along with martial artists from Redwood Coast Soo Bahk Do. The show will even have Bollywood dancers.

Idena from Medford, Ore., will guest star as the Sugar Plum Fairy, and the Rockin' Rubies of Redway will present a Berber piece. Styles of dance will range from traditional to fusion.

Shoshanna's daughters will both be part of the show. Amira Wanden, 7, of Arcata Elementary School, will be

the Rat Queen and her 4-year-old sister Elora Wanden will be Little Clara in the Saturday performance. On Sunday, the role of Little Clara will be filled by Madeline Branson. Lighting and sound will be done by Adam Wanden, making the night a family affair.

Laura Lopez will bring a group of 12 for her desert oasis contribution for the show and her husband, James, will perform as the Sultan. This desert oasis scene is an alternative to the snow scene in the original story.

See magic carpet rides, desert fairies, magical dolls, flying veils and crashing cymbals at this original production for all ages.

Tickets are \$10 general admission, \$8 for students and seniors, \$5 for children under 12 and free for children under 4. Tickets are available at Wildberries Marketplace, Threadbare Dancewear, The Works and from Shoshanna by calling (707) 616-6876 or visiting [shoshannaland.com](http://shoshannaland.com).

### ❖ STUDENT PERFORMANCES

## A moving kaleidoscope of characters

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their own transformation. Full of passion and humor, poignant and bizarre, these characters come to life and encounter their fates in the space of the stage, where everyday life opens its doors onto the surreal and extraordinary.

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### ❖ ARTS! ARCATA LISTINGS



**SOLSTICE POWER NIGHT WOMAN** Votive icon, patinas on formed copper by Betsy Roberts.

**ARCATA** — This month's Arts! Arcata will be held on Friday, Dec. 12 from 6 to 9 p.m.

**Arcata Artisans** 883 H St. — A 30-member group show with a blue, white and starry night theme.

**Arcata Exchange** 813 H St. — Watercolors by Maurren McGarry and music by Dale Wingett.

**Bubbles** 1031 H St. — Music by the bluegrass band Clean Livin'.

**Fire Arts Center** 520 South G St. — A holiday sale featuring over 50 artisans.

**Folie Douce** 1551 G St. — Art by Mirador Glass, Lance Drill, Faye Honorof and Nancy Rehg.

**Epic** 145 G St., Ste. A — Art by Thomas Dunklin.

**Garden Gate** 905 H St. — Monotypes by Patricia Senott and music by the Compost Mountain Boys.

**Libation Wine Shop & Bar** 761 Eighth St. — Photography by Jesse Dodd and music by Duncan Burgess.

**Moonrise Herbs** 826 G St. — Art by Phil Scheele and music by Lalona.

**Pacific Outfitters** 737 G St. — Acrylics by Phil Scheele.

**Piñata Factory** 455 I St. — Art, painting, photography and handmade crafts. To celebrate the holidays, there will be mini piñatas.

**Plaza** 808 G St. — Oil paintings by Amy Granfield.

**Redwood Curtain Brewing Co.** 550 South G St., Unit 6 — Art by Sierra Martin.

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Fictions dissolve.

Eschew religion and the folly of faith.  
Beliefs are arrogant; God is vanity.  
Illusions are illusions.

Pray wordlessly.  
It is the only prayer that is selfless.  
Only selflessness is real.

– Paul Mann

**WRENCHED** On Thursday, Dec. 11 the film *Wrenched* will be screened from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. at the Arcata Playhouse. Filmmaker ML Lincoln’s documentary reveals how Edward Abbey’s anarchistic spirit and riotous novels influenced and helped guide the nascent environmental movement of the ’70s and ’80s. Through interviews, archival footage and reenactments, the film captures the outrage of Abbey’s friends who were the original eco-warriors. A short discussion will follow the screening. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. for a mixer sponsored by the North-coast Environmental Center and Backcountry Press. No pre-sale tickets will be available, so arrive early. Admission is on a sliding scale from \$5 to \$10. Beer, wine and snacks will be served for an additional donation.

Music lovers unite for a good cause

ARCATA – The Swap It! Record Fair returns to Arcata on Saturday, Dec. 13 at the D Street Neighborhood Center, 1301 D St. in Arcata. Records, CDs, DVDs, music equipment and more will be for sale from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Come in at 9 a.m. for the best selection – a \$5 early entry fee will benefit North Star Quest Camp for Girls’ scholarship fund. Event entry is free after 10 a.m. Proceeds from the fair benefit North Star Quest Camp, a camp dedicated to empowering sixth, seventh and eighth grade girls in finding the confidence and self respect they need to navigate adolescence.

Vendors include local records stores, la-

bels and enthusiastic collectors. Tunes will be provided by Pressure Anya. There will be a raffle featuring a fun collection of prizes from local businesses. The La Barca Mexican food truck will be on site starting at 11 a.m.

There will also be an after party at the Alibi with Qui & Glitter Wizard; doors open at 10:30 p.m. and music starts at 11 p.m.

Camp counselor and record collector Dorian Romero said, “I support North Star Quest camps because I see the importance in discovering what our own special qualities are and using them to make our environments more loving, accepting and respectful of diversity.”

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Ensembles combine for cheer

HSU MUSIC DEPARTMENT

HUMBOLDT STATE — Sacred music of the season will highlight the holiday concert from Humboldt Symphony, University Singers and Humboldt Chorale on Friday, Dec. 12 and Sunday, Dec. 14 at 8 p.m. in Fulkerson Recital Hall.

The concert’s climax will be Schubert’s *Magnificat* performed by all three ensembles. Also known as the “Song of Mary,” it is most often performed during the holiday season.

“The string section carries the orchestral part,” said Humboldt Symphony conductor Paul Cummings. “The piece is almost all full-ensemble choral singing, though there’s a lovely passage for solo voices that’s very melodic, typical of Schubert.”

On its own, the symphony will perform the Christmas concerto by Baroque composer Archangelo Corelli. It is Corelli’s best-known work for strings, and he requested it be played on Christmas Eve.

“Parts of the melody may be familiar since it is heard at this time of year,” Cummings said. “Besides strings, it is scored for harpsichord, and we’re using a real one, not a synthesizer.”

The orchestra will also perform *Four Little Pieces* by contemporary composer Karel Husa and *Holberg Suite* by Edvard Grieg.

The Humboldt Chorale will begin the concert with music by 20th century French composer Gabriel Fauré, contemporary American composer James Kantor and a traditional American-Christmas spiritual. The chorale is a community group and will be directed for the first time by Elisabeth Harrington.

The University Singers, directed by Harley Muilenburg, will perform contemporary British composer John Rutter’s “Gloria” which is based on Gregorian chant.

The three ensembles will also collaborate on two carols to end the concert. Together they will perform “How far is it to Bethlehem?” and “Still, Still, Still” which were both arranged for the Mormon Tabernacle Choir.

Tickets are \$8 general admission, \$5 for seniors and children and free for HSU students. Tickets can be purchased from the HSU Box Office or at the door. [hsuusic.blog-spot.com](http://hsuusic.blog-spot.com)



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# Wanna be anarchy? Get started at the Humboldt Anarchist Book Fair

It's time once again for the Anarchist Book Fair, the seventh annual, to be precise, on Saturday, Dec. 13 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Redwood Coast Montessori School at the Manila Community Center, 1611 Peninsula Dr. in Manila. The event features tables presenting publishers and campaigns, a kids' corner, food in the main hall and two rooms for presentations.

Humboldt Free Radio Alliance (Pirate Radio) will MC the whole event.

The Anarchist Book Fair promises that all the amazing publishers you have come to expect will be present, along with some new ones, including Little Black Cart Books, AK and PM Long Haul. Fair organizers have also invited supportive local book sellers to table at the event.

In addition to providing access to small-press books and independent publishers that might not be easy to find, the Humboldt Anarchist Book Fair is a space for political organizing and sharing of knowledge and ideas. The Fair, say organizers, "is chock full of ideas and practices that can be used day to day to create strong movements, to provoke life changing thoughts, all to help create a sustainable free cooperative society!"

### Food Not Bombs

As always, you can expect free delicious food all day catered by Eureka and Arcata Food Not Bombs (FNB). All food prepared by FNB every year is donated, with local farmers giving produce and local roasters providing coffee.

### Kids' corner

There is also childcare at the kids' corner, where there are drawing supplies, books, puppets, toys and other fun stuff. Past kids' corners have offered face painting, paper making, readings and a puppet show.

There may be a short play this year. The activities in the kids' corner depend on child interest, with adults there present to entertain and supervise children. One year, the kids' corner became a child-run discussion with storytelling.

Of note this year is that coloring book *The Walnut Tree* by local artist and Rutabaga Queen Kati Texas will be available at the kids' corner free or by donation.

### Workshops & authors

Anarchist dissident and historian Andrej Grubic, who has written prolifically on anarchism and the history of the Balkans, most notably in *Wobblies & Zapatistas: Conversations on Anarchism, Marxism, and Radical history*, will be returning from Turkey before the book fair. He is also a lec-

turer at the ZMedia Institute and University of San Francisco.

Grubic will discuss the influence of anarchism in Kurdistan, the realities on the ground and the best ways to help those in the fight as well as some possible lessons from the Kurdish experience. Says Grubic, "Kurdish rebels are establishing self-rule in war-torn Syria, resembling the Zapatista experience and providing a democratic alternative for the region."

The Anarchist Book Fair will celebrate local eco-defense successes by Earth First! in the Mattole and at Strawberry Rock. Organizers have invited defenders of the Klamath River to also join the panel.

Permaculture, growing self-reliant communities and anarchist farming take the stage for a third year in a row of this popular discussion and workshop. Final details had not yet been determined at press time.

There may also be a workshop on community accountability from a community that has practiced successful community accountability processes in Humboldt county.

Eve Rickert and Franklin Veaux, authors of *More than Two: A Practical Guide to Ethical Polyamory to Help You Find Your Own Way*, will be presenting on the subject of polyamory, the practice of having multiple romantic partners without jealousy or cheating. More information is available at [morethantwo.com](http://morethantwo.com).

Kristian Williams, author of *Our Enemies in Blue: Police and Power in America* and member of Rose City Cop-watch in Portland, Ore., will be giving a talk.

Doug Gilbert, author of the new book *I Saw Fire: Reflections on Riots, Revolt, and the Black Bloc*, will be coming up from the East Bay area to discuss his work. Gilbert is a frequent contributor to *FireWorks*, *Modesto Anarcho*, *Fire to the Prisons*, *The Earth First! Journal* and *Rolling Thunder*.

Members of the Black Rose Anarchist Federation in Portland, Ore., will present on the work they have been doing and why organizing within the Black Rose Anarchist Federation is helpful for making strong anti-authoritarian movements and ultimately creating a better world through social revolution.

The Black Rose Anarchist Federation is a U.S.-wide Anarchist political organization that formed in 2013 in Chicago, made up of class struggle anarchist groups who have been working together for years.

Further information is available at [humboldtgrass-roots.com](http://humboldtgrass-roots.com); volunteers to assist with the event are welcome.



BOOK BEAT

### And more books for sale

Friends of the McKinleyville Library will open the doors to its Second Saturday Book Sale on Saturday, Dec. 13 at 1 p.m., near the Totem Pole. Holiday themes, gift quality and comfortable classics fill their store this month. They will have tables full of beautiful books in excellent condition to give to children and adults that will make great gifts, as well as books to help with seasonal preparations, such as how to make a wreath, roast a goose, fix a plugged toilet, and shake a martini.

There are books to help you orchestrate a hootenanny, raise children, make a million dollars, dress a hog and save your soul. Most books cost \$1 or less, and they have a large selection of books for \$2 a bag. Books can make you laugh, make you cry, warm your heart or chill you to the bone. Come in out of the cold; they will be there to welcome you with smiles and good tidings until 4 p.m. Your patronage supports programs and projects of the McKinleyville Library.

# The Giving Tree is up

A big thank you to Dr. David Trobitz, Heidi Chavez and all the staff at McKinleyville Animal Care Center (MACC) for welcoming the Companion Animal Foundation 2014 Giving Tree! Stop by MACC at 2151 Central Ave. in McKinleyville to see the beautiful live tree and drop off donations to help local animals this holiday season.

Companion Animal Foundation seeks bleach, paper towels, garbage bags and unscented laundry detergent to keep the store and adoption room sparkly clean.

The cats and dogs have made a wish list, too! They are hoping for toys, bully sticks and pig ears, quality food (wet and dry) and unscented non-clumping litter. Don't forget to stop by to hear their purrs and yips of gratitude from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday at the thrift store at 88 Sunny Brae Center.

Donations can be dropped off at MACC during their open hours, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturdays from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Call them at (707) 839-1504 or CAF at (707) 826-PETS (7387) for more information.

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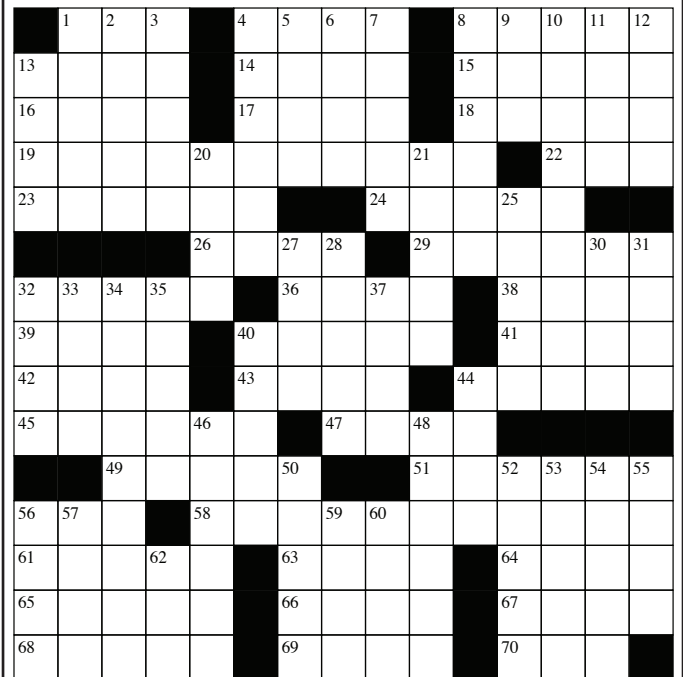
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### ACROSS

- Cleaning cloth
- Words in a ratio
- Division in India
- \_\_ avis
- Shopping area
- Unit of capacity
- Perched upon
- Land map
- Word with tag or sing
- Sporting officials
- Half-qts.
- Flew high
- Cut again
- Becomes firm
- Corporation rules
- Ambulates
- Salt tree
- Brain canal
- Muscat's nation
- Evil spirit
- Topmost: pref.
- Leak out
- Pakistan's neighbor
- Blaze residue
- Home appliances
- Able to reach
- high shelves
- Closes in anger
- Portrait holders
- Wildebeest
- Lazy person
- Of the snout
- Prefix for
- plane or space
- Ms. Hayworth
- Refrigerator brand
- "Now \_\_ me down..."
- Picnic spoilers
- Part of a wood joint
- Lice
- British sports cars of past decades

### DOWN

- Numerical comparison
- Fragrance
- One with an open mouth
- Block
- Mall event
- Catch
- Furry swimmer
- Stylish
- Have a bug
- Timer
- Camp shelter
- Work units
- Household problem
- Containers
- Nonconformist
- Nom de plume
- Cowardly Lion's portrayer
- Weasel
- Common verb
- Crowded theater signs
- Building material
- Spanish love
- Party turntable
- Assume a reverent posture
- Moon: Sp.
- Thingamajig: var.
- Jai \_\_
- Loose overcoat
- Mens' names
- Murdered
- "Get lost!"
- \_\_ out a living; getting by
- Latvians
- Ladies of Mex.
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# Come to the shelter's open house...

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#### HUMBOLDT COUNTY ANIMAL SHELTER

MCKINLEYVILLE — This Saturday, Dec. 13, from noon to 4 p.m., the County Animal Shelter is celebrating our 10th Anniversary at our annual Open House. This is a chance for us to visit with our community friends and to and help us give our "orphans" a medical leg up.

This event is our annual benefit for the Shelter Emergency Medical Fund (SEMF), which has helped hundreds of our dogs and cats have a healthy and happy life. Many wonderful items have been donated by local merchants and our supporters for the silent auctions and raffles.

Commemorative stars to hang on shelter Christmas trees are available for \$5 each. These stars are a wonderful way to honor a special pet and at the same time, give to Shelter animals in need.

The SEMF is handled by our local rescue, Friends For Life, and was set

up to help those animals who come to the shelter in need of medical help that will cost more than the county's budgeted \$250 per animal. Donations are tax-deductible.

Over the years, thousands of dollars have been spent to give animals like older puppy Merida and kitty Harris a chance for a happy, healthy life. Most of our beneficiaries need limb repair; heartworm treatment is also a huge need as are some of the more extensive diagnostic tests.

Merida was an especially heart-breaking case. She was found stuck in a fence along 101 in Trinidad and had two shattered femurs. Her repair cost was many thousands of dollars but was money well spent; she's a happy girl now in a wonderful home.

Young Harris entered the shelter with two broken legs. He's now fit as a fiddle and enjoying a comfy home. Without the SEMF, both of these lovely creatures would have been put

to sleep.

Please come in this Saturday and help us enjoy the holiday festivities and our mission of helping our county's abandoned animals to be well. This is our main fundraiser for the SEMF; our orphans are counting on us to be able to help them when they need it. We'll have refreshments and shelter tours, as well. We hope to see you there! (707) 840-9132



# ...and make some new friends for life

One of the pups you might see at the Open House is our young girl Cleo. Cleo is a mix of cattle dog and hound and is even cuter in person that in a photograph. She is not a very big dog and is at a great age for bringing into your home and training to your specifications.

Cleo is about six months old and would like more company than she gets in a kennel by herself. Cleo would make a good family dog or a good companion for your existing dog. It is so hard for these young dogs to spend so much time kenneled. Cleo is at a great age to begin dog training and will bloom under a patient hand. She gets along well with other dogs and should be able to be introduced into a home with cats if her new owner wants to use the dog and cat



DOG TOWN

handout that our trainer has prepared for us (available at the shelter).

Cleo is spayed, vaccinated and micro-chipped. She is at the Humboldt County Animal Shelter, 980 Lycoming Ave. in McKinleyville, and would love to meet you!

Redwood Pals Rescue has a dog near and dear to my heart. Sasha lived at our house for the last several months and we would keep her in a heartbeat if that didn't make for four dogs under our roof!

Sasha is a year-old border collie cross and is the most loving dog imaginable. She is sometimes cautious about meeting new

people or animals, undoubtedly due to poor early socialization, but as soon as she gets to know them, they are her new best friends. She got along great with my dogs, male and female, and has been staying in a new home recently with three older males, whom she also loves.

Sasha is very fond of toys for carrying around or fetching and has great reserves of energy for playing. She spent a day with a seven-year-old boy recently and they entertained each other for hours playing soccer and fetch. Despite her boundless enthusiasm, she is able to turn it off when required. She is quite content sleeping in her crate or even taking the occasional break there. She has no toy or food aggression and is happy to share everything that is hers.

Sasha's ideal home would be with someone who has a little previous experience with dogs that need a confident handler. She will look to her person or to her companion dog for reassurance that the world outside the home is not a scary place. She has been a good student at dog class and both of her foster moms think that she would do great in agility. Oh, and did I mention that this dog loves the water? No problem with her on a rainy day or at the beach!

Sasha is spayed and current on her vaccinations. Redwood Pals will micro-chip her at or before adoption. To meet this dog, email [redwoodpalsrescue@gmail.com](mailto:redwoodpalsrescue@gmail.com) or call (707) 822-7130.



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OBITUARY

Alverta Kalseim Larrison

Alverta Kalseim Larrison, devoted wife, mother, grandmother, sister and friend to all fortunate enough to know her, passed away Sunday, Nov. 23, 2014 at the age of 94. Two years prior to her passing she wrote this obituary.

Alverta was born on a farm near Jewell, Iowa, the second of five children born to Robert and Viola Kalseim. She attended the first eight years of schooling in a one-room country schoolhouse, walking to school in all kinds of weather.

Alverta graduated from Jewell High School in the class of 1938. While in high school, she played basketball, sang in the glee club and was active in 4H. While she was a clarinet player in 4H, the club was asked to march in Chicago at the International Livestock Show.

After graduating from high school, she attended Comtomitor School in Des Moines. She then moved to Los Angeles in 1942 during the war and went to work for North American Aviation in Englewood, Calif., where she kept track of, counted and dispersed airplane parts. In 1944, Alverta moved to Santa Ana, Calif., where she worked for the telephone company until 1960.

In 1944, she married her husband, John Larrison. They shared 59 happy

years together before he passed away in 2011. John was a carpenter and they took on the project of building their own house on the weekends. This project took two years and seven months. John and Alverta had two children, sons Dennis and Kevin.

The family spent many happy weekends and vacations camping all over the United States and Canada in their RV. When John retired in 1979, he and Alverta continued making those camping memories when they sold their home and took to the road, traveling again all over the United States and Canada. They made many friends during their travels, and when they decided to settle down once again in 1999, they chose McKinleyville, Calif., to be close to some of those friends.

Alverta then became a very active member of the community, working out at Curves three to four days a week, playing bridge three times a week in a club and tournaments, crocheting, sewing and reading. She was an avid sports fan and nightly tuned into watch her favorite teams play baseball and football. One of the highlights of her last summer was getting to watch the Crabs play in Arcata. Alverta was very happy and content in her life finding joy in her family, friends, and church. In fact, all she



wanted for her last birthday was to have a Virgin Bloody Mary and chicken wings.

She is survived by her two sons, Dennis (Marilyn) and Kevin (Carol) as well as her grandchildren, nieces, nephews and many, many friends whom she cherished and was grateful to know.

Alverta was preceded in death by her parents, husband John, a brother, Robert V. Kalseium, and three sisters, Bernice Nibe, Marilyn Farnsworth and Arleen Lund.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, Jan. 17 at the Wesleyan Church in McKinleyville at 1 p.m. In lieu of flowers, please donate to the McKinleyville Senior Center or the Wesleyan Church in McKinleyville.



**YOUR 2015 ZERO-WASTE TEAM** Presenting the 2015 Zero Waste Humboldt Board of Directors, at front, Brett Watson, Tracy Jordan French and Maggie Gainer, and at back, Julie Layshock, Ali Lee and Jane Woodward. One more board member is sought to complete the group. SUBMITTED PHOTO

HUMBOLDT – Zero Waste Humboldt (ZWH) welcomed two new members to its board of directors at its Dec. 3 meeting. Ali O. Lee, active in social service organizations and community organizing for transportation safety, and environmental toxicologist and Humboldt State University Chemistry Department lecturer Julie Layshock, Ph.D., are Zero Waste Humboldt’s newest board members.

The board expressed heartfelt gratitude to outgoing board member Jud Ellinwood, one of the initial founders. Ellinwood will remain active as a volunteer and advisor to the ZWH board.

The ZWH board discussed plans for its 2015 lecture series, new services for businesses and schools and its fund development goal for 2015. The board also formally opened the Zero Waste Humboldt office at 839 Ninth Street in Arcata at this meeting.

Zero Waste Humboldt is recruiting for another position on its board of directors as well as volunteers, community groups and student interns for several projects. If you are interested in serving on the ZWH board of directors or getting involved in its projects, email [contact@zerowastehumboldt.org](mailto:contact@zerowastehumboldt.org).

Whether you have an interest in antique bottles or not you cannot help but find the display of over 1,000 bottles at the Antique Bottle Shop on Bella Vista Hill quite amazing. Mrs. Rolla Krebbs opens her shop about 1 p.m. every afternoon and welcomes anyone to come and browse. She is a member of the Humboldt Antique Bottle Club and not only buys and sells, but trades antique bottles.

– McKinleyville News, March 15, 1967

Seaside Village is epicenter of seasonal cheer

No need to leave Trinidad on Sunday, Dec. 14. There is a dizzying array of Christmas activities for children, grown-ups and visitors all over town.

Trinidad School’s Craft Fair takes place in the gym from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. One hundred and two jars of apple butter, compliments of Annie Lindquist’s second-grade class, will be for sale, along with desirable and attractive hand crafts from other vendors.

Santa Claus has agreed on a special appearance to hear children’s Christmas wishes between noon and 2 p.m. at the school.

Essence of Humboldt, Friends of Trinidad Library (FOTL) and Trinidad Civic Club will join in presenting the Indie Craft Fair from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Town Hall (volunteers from these groups should contact Essence at [essenceofhumboldt@yahoo.com](mailto:essenceofhumboldt@yahoo.com), Wadi Torres at [wadirose@suddenlink.net](mailto:wadirose@suddenlink.net), Donna Haddock at [haddockd@suddenlink.net](mailto:haddockd@suddenlink.net) or Liz Thatcher at [patpoint@suddenlink.net](mailto:patpoint@suddenlink.net) if you have an hour or so to spare, or if you can bring treats on Dec. 14). Essence is FOTL president and masterful at organizing the best in local hand work, for example, Peggy Loudon’s ceramics.

There will be a tree lighting and caroling at Trinidad Art Gallery at 5 p.m.

Trinidad Coastal Land Trust will hold its Annual Meeting from 3 to 4:30 p.m. at Trinidad Museum. Email [info@trinidadcoastallandtrust.org](mailto:info@trinidadcoastallandtrust.org) for details.

Meantime, Bergeron Winery, Moonstone Crossing Tasting Room, Larrupin’ Café, Strawberry Rock Art Gallery, Windan Sea, Salty’s Surf and Tackle, Trinidad Trading Company, Beachcomber Café, Trinidad Massage and Day Spa, Trinidad Eatery, Trinidad Art Gallery, Lighthouse Grill, Katy’s Smokehouse, Seascape Restaurant and Moonstone Grill will all participate in Christmas in Trinidad with cheer and unique offerings.

JD Jeffries and Michael Stewart will entertain at Trinidad Art Gallery, at the corner of Trinity and Parker Streets,



at 3 p.m.

Tim Breed, guitarist, singer and songwriter, will perform at Lighthouse Grill from 5 to 7 p.m.

End the busy day at the Westhaven Center for the Arts (WCA) Holiday Open House starting at 5:30 p.m. at 501 South Westhaven Drive. WCA will provide turkey, hot spiced cider, eggnog, plates and utensils. Bring a side dish, hot or cold, salad or dessert to share. Jackie Hogan will be at the piano. There will be caroling. And joy. Call (707) 677-9493 with any questions.

By the way, Westhaven Center for the Arts will be closed from Dec. 15 through Jan. 10. Be sure you make time before that to view the stunning Fiber X Five exhibit.

Resident artist Toni Magyar’s exhibit opens Sunday, Jan. 11, 2015, with a reception from 1 to 4 p.m.

Don’t forget the Lions Club Food Bank bin in front of Town Hall, where non-perishable items are gratefully accepted for distribution.

Big Lagoon School mentoring

Trinidad School has a visiting mentor enrichment program. Music by Tim Breed has been one of the recent successes. If you have a special talent or skill in any academic or artistic field and would like to share your talent, contact superintendent-principal Rea Erickson at (707) 677-3688.

**Trinidad-Clam Beach Run coming soon**  
Jan. 31, 2015 is the date. Workouts start now.

Email Patti at [baycity@sonic.net](mailto:baycity@sonic.net).

On March 9, 1967, a group of McKinleyville residents opposed to the present proposed incorporation of McKinleyville met at Rolling Green Lodge in McKinleyville. The group considered an association for the purpose of defeating the controversial issue of incorporation of McKinleyville. Following a brief discussion of the request, a Board of Directors consisting of George Dains, Allen Brisack, Louis DeMartin, Grant Ramey and Mrs. Glenda DeMartin was chosen by the group.

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## Wizard's powers limited to trespassing, annoying family

• **Friday, November 7 8:01 a.m.** A brown bull wandered onto a Janes Road school playground.  
• **9:35 a.m.** The fake PG&E bill collectors called a North-town business, threatening to cut off power unless they got a quick money order. The scammer was "Anthony" at 1-866-373-4407.  
• **11:49 a.m.** A shoplifter at a 13th Street marketplace ran off toward the police department, where he was detained. After the property was recovered, he told police he was just passing through.  
• **Saturday, November 8 9:26 a.m.** A dead rat on the sidewalk in the 1100 block of Buttermilk Lane was being eaten by crows. A caller was concerned that the rat had been poisoned, and that the crows would consume the rat poison.  
• **11:58 a.m.** A caller reported that a man approached an apparent homeless family holding up a "STARVING FAMILY" sign at 11th and G streets, handed them money and received a

baggie containing powder in return.  
• **12:41 p.m.** An F Street resident reported a man with dreadlocks trespassing on his property. The man "thinks he is a wizard," and whether that's true or not, the problem is that he won't leave the resident's family alone.  
• **Monday, November 10 10 a.m.** A strange man with a small, dark moustache sat on a bike in a parking lot, staring at preschool children across the street. Then he left the area.  
• **12:59 p.m.** The return of a yak (now with goat sidekick) to Arcata's streets coincided with a spike in wacky hijinx. If by wacky hijinx we mean a woman reporting the sighting to Arcata Police, supposedly on standing instructions from Eureka's police chief.  
• **3:14 p.m.** A hypodermic needle turned up in a shared 10th Street dryer.  
• **4:14 p.m.** A concerned father called from parts unknown about his daughter, who is working on a "marijuana plantation" and hasn't been heard from in two weeks. She didn't have an

Arcata address, so he was referred to the Sheriff's Office.  
• **Wednesday, November 10:06 a.m.** A \$2,000 electric mo-ped was stolen from outside a 12th Street man's apartment.  
• **3:02 p.m.** An employer called stating that an employee who had quit had taken equipment valued at \$7,000 to \$8,000 and was about to leave town. The former employee said he had proof the tools were his. He was willing to meet with the employer the next day with an officer standing by, and the employer was amenable to the arrangement.  
• **Thursday, November 13 9:20 a.m.** People blasting rifles at migrating waterfowl in a south Arcata pasture were too close to "civilization," or comfort, for one resident. The hunters agreed to move closer to the center of the pasture.  
• **12:18 p.m.** A person wearing light blue pajamas and using a walker was reported stumbling at negligible velocity onto a Giuntoli Lane freeway onramp. Despite ambulatory challenges, the onramp surfer eluded further detection.

## Man arrested on cooling tower after attack on power plant

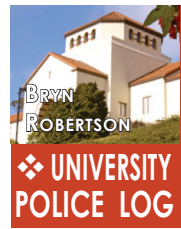
**HUMBOLDT COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE**  
EUREKA – On Saturday, Dec. 6 at about 4 a.m., the Humboldt County Sheriff's Office received a call regarding a trespass at the Fairhaven Power Plant on Bay Street in Samoa.  
It was reported that a male subject was trespassing on the site, damaging equipment and threatening employees. Deputies responded to the site and located the suspect, Gregory Crockett. Crockett had climbed to the top of one of the towers at the facility. Deputies climbed the tower and Crockett was taken into custody, then transported to the Humboldt County Correctional Facility and booked for vandalism and trespassing.



Gregory Crockett

## Surely they didn't think this behavior was sustainable

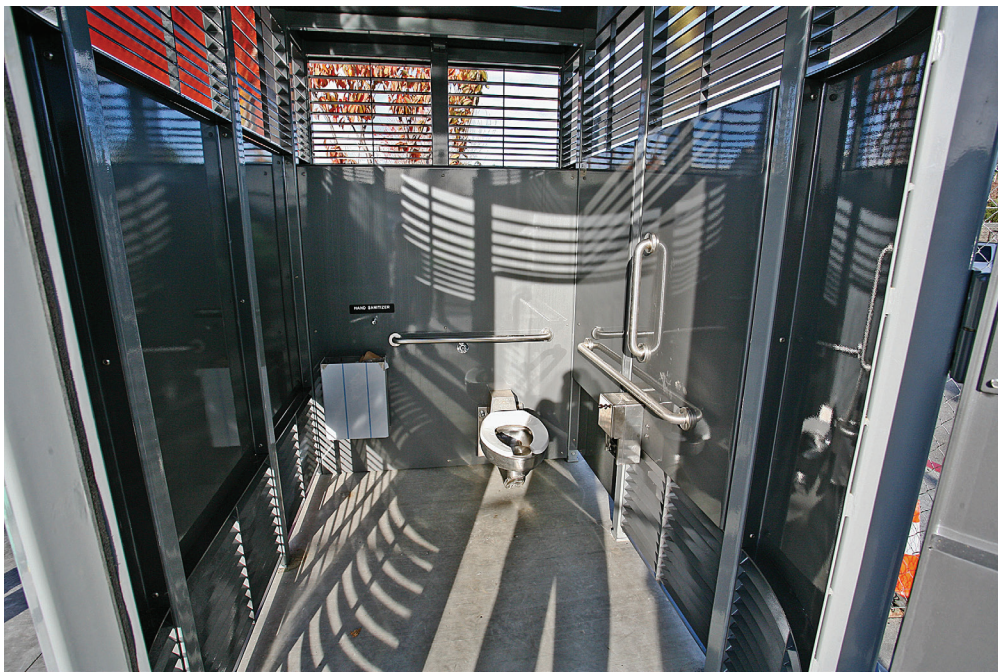
• **Saturday, November 22 7:50 a.m.** Someone was caught sitting in the middle stall of men's restroom with a power cord stretched across the room and plugged into the wall. Officers contacted the subject and sent him on his way.  
• **Sunday, November 23 9:37 a.m.** Theft of a stadium chair occurred at the Humboldt State University Kinesiology and Athletics gymnasium.  
• **Monday, November 24 12:03 p.m.** A confidential report was filed of a man in a campus smoking section, blatantly asking females for their phone numbers.  
• **Wednesday, November 26 2:50 p.m.** The University Police Department (UPD) was alerted of a suspicious man loitering around the elevators to the campus Jolly Giant Commons.  
• **Friday, November 28 12:44 p.m.** A student approached the UPD office counter and requested to speak with an officer regarding a personal matter. The student was gone by the time the officer came out to speak with him.



**TRANSFORMATION** Eighth and F streets was just another nondescript corner until the City Council gave the go-ahead for the \$97,425 Portland Loo, which set Public Works in motion, preparing the site and hookups. Below, the Loo's interior. TOP PHOTOS BY KLH | UNION; PHOTO BELOW BY MATT FILAR | UNION

## Loo FROM A1

es who are daily asked for use of their employee and customer restrooms. Or, if wracked by wreckers like previously provided public facilities at the Transit Center, it could become an unsustainable drain on Public Works' budget.  
"How it's treated is going to be the long-term story," said Public Works Director Doby Class. He said the city is looking for a community partner agency to help maintain the facility.  
A dedicated camera atop nearby City Hall views the Loo, which is open around the clock. APD will also keep an eye on it, Class said.



## Toxicology reports told

**MAD RIVER UNION**  
HUMBOLDT – The Humboldt County Coroner's Office has disclosed toxicology reports on two individuals who recently passed away.  
Dylan Wade Ruiz, 23, of McKinleyville, died Oct. 16 in a solo vehicle collision on State Route 299. He was found to have a blood alcohol level of .11, which is .03 over the legal limit of .08. Deputy Coroner Trevor Enright said the blood alcohol level may have been a "contributing condition" in the early morning accident. Ruiz died of blunt force trauma to the head and chest.  
Christopher Eddie Williamson, 34, was found dead along State Route 255 in Arcata on Oct. 17. A complete drug screening showed that he had no drugs or alcohol in his bloodstream, according to Enright. However, he suffered from an acute case of fatty liver disease, possibly due to alcoholism.

**COFFEE WITH A COP** The Arcata Police Department invites you for "Coffee with a Cop" today, Dec. 10 from 9 to 10:30 a.m. at Mosgo's, 2461 Alliance Rd. in Arcata. There is neither agenda nor speeches, just a chance to ask questions and get to know Officer Krystie Aminio. [karminio@arcatapd.org](mailto:karminio@arcatapd.org), (707) 822-2428

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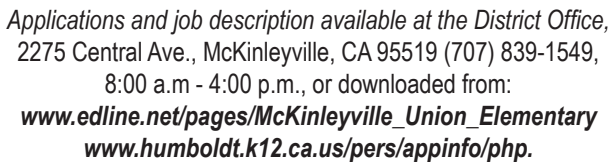
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**AUDUBON MEETS** Redwood Region Audubon Society will hold its monthly Conservation Meeting on Wednesday, Dec. 10 at the Golden Harvest Restaurant in Arcata at noon. Participants will discuss the chapter's position on various conservation issues. For more information, call Jim Clark at (707) 445-8311.

**NATURE STORY TIME** Join naturalist Barbara Reisman for Nature Story Time at the Humboldt Coastal Nature Center on Saturday, Dec. 13 from 2 to 3 p.m. Geared for ages 3 to 6, story time will focus on local wildlife and will be followed by a simple craft project. For more information or to reserve a space, call (707) 444-1397 or email [info@friendsofthedunes.org](mailto:info@friendsofthedunes.org).

**BIRD COUNT BRUSH-UP** Redwood Region Audubon Society (RRAS) presents its Christmas Bird Count Brush-Up on Friday, Dec. 12 at the Six Rivers Masonic Lodge, 251 Bayside Rd., Arcata. Potluck starts at 6:30 p.m. and the program at 7:30 p.m. Despising diving duck ID? Feeling bewitched by dowitchers of winter? Groaning about gulls? Wanting to spiff up those sparrow IDs? Come to this annual winter potluck and bird ID workshop. Rob Fowler, RRAS field trip coordinator and main "fowlerope" of Fowlerope Birding Tours, will review confusing and difficult identifications often encountered during the Christmas Bird Count season. Bring a dish to share and a mug for shade grown coffee; RRAS will provide drinks, plates and utensils. Please come fragrance free.

**AUDUBON MARSH TRIP** Join the Redwood Region Audubon Society on a free public field trip at the Arcata Marsh and Wildlife Sanctuary on Saturday, Dec. 13. Bring your binoculars and have a great morning birding! Meet leader Joe Ceriani in the parking lot at the end of South I Street (Klopp Lake) in Arcata at 8:30 a.m., rain or shine. Trip ends around 11 a.m.

**DUNE RESTORATION** Volunteers are needed to help restore the native dune ecosystem on Saturday, Dec. 13 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Participants will be removing invasive plants on the Friends of the Dunes property in Manila. Bring water and wear work clothes; tools, gloves and cookies are provided. Meet at the Humboldt Coastal Nature Center, 220 Stamps Lane. (707) 444-1397, [info@friendsofthedunes.org](mailto:info@friendsofthedunes.org)

**FOAM MARSH TOUR** Friends of the Arcata Marsh (FOAM) is sponsoring a free tour of the Arcata Marsh & Wildlife Sanctuary on Saturday, Dec. 13 at 2 p.m. Meet leader

Leslie Anderson at the Interpretive Center on South G Street for a 90-minute walk focusing on the birds, plants and ecology of the Marsh. Loaner binoculars available with photo ID. (707) 826-2359

**AUDUBON HBNWR** Join Redwood Region Audubon Society on Sunday, Dec. 14 at the Humboldt Bay National Wildlife Refuge. This is a wonderful, two-to three-hour trip for people wanting to learn the birds of the Humboldt Bay area. It takes a leisurely pace with an emphasis on enjoying the birds! Beginners are more than welcome. Meet at the Refuge Visitor Center at 9 a.m. Call Jude Power or David Fix at (707) 822-3613 for more information.

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